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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION TOKYO FROM SECSTATE JULY 31:

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SUBJECT: U.S. STEEL INDUSTRY ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE
STEEL EXPORTS TO U.S.

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VISIT OF
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA ON ANOTHER MATTER TO
BRING TO HIS ATTENTION SERIOUS CONCERN OF U.S. STEEL
INDUSTRY THAT U.S. MARKET IS BECOMING A TARGET OF
JAPANESE STEEL EXPORT EXPANSION. UNDER SECRETARY DID
NOT EXPRESS US GOVERNMENT CONCLUSIONS ON ISSUES RAISED
BY STEEL INDUSTRY OR ASK FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
RESTRAINT OF EXPORTS. HE LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO
CALLING AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION TO WHAT COULD BECOME A
SERIOUS PROBLEM.

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2. UNDER SECRETARY NOTED THAT USG DID NOT SEEK

EXTENSION OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENT ON
JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS WHICH EXPIRED IN 1974. U.S.
WAS SURPRISED WHEN JAPANESE INDUSTRY UNDERTOOK RECENTLY
TO RESTRAIN STEEL EXPORTS TO EUROPE. LATTER ACTION
RAISES CONCERN THAT U.S. MARKET COULD BECOME PRINCIPAL
TARGET FOR JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTS. U.S. SPECIALTY
STEEL PRODUCERS RECENTLY FILED ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION

WITH U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, AND WE
UNDERSTAND STEEL INDUSTRY IS CONSIDERING OTHER ACTION
ALLEGING UNFAIR COMPETITION.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD NOTE USG CONCERN AND
KEEP TOKYO FULLY INFORMED. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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